



IN 2050, PITTSBURGH
**WELCOMES
MORE PEOPLE WHILE
PROTECTING
WHO'S HERE**

We grow by welcoming new neighbors while making sure longtime residents, who held our neighborhoods together through hard times, can stay and thrive.

1 WELCOMES MORE PEOPLE WHILE PROTECTING WHO'S HERE

We grow into a **more vibrant, diverse, and welcoming Pittsburgh** where new neighbors and long-time residents thrive together.

Pittsburgh is a city people are eager to call home - we encourage college graduates to stay, welcome back Black middle-class families, open doors to Immigrants, refugees, and climate migrants, and create real opportunities for all families, regardless of income or race.

We recognize that confronting racism and segregation is not just a moral responsibility, it is essential to growth. By **repairing past and present harms**, we strengthen our ability to attract and retain a diverse population.

Every strategy we pursue – from inclusive policies to community investments – is aimed at **growing the population** and making the city **a place where everyone can prosper**, shape decisions, and see themselves in Pittsburgh's future.



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PROGRESSIVE PLAN

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MUST INCLUDE POLICIES & FUTURE LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT...

- Repair places harmed by environmental injustice or discriminatory policies
- Reduce race- and income-based segregation and ensure equitable distribution of city services, facilities, and economic opportunities
- Encourage diverse, affordable housing options and proactively implement anti-displacement measures
- Support walkable, transit-accessible neighborhoods with local amenities
- Anticipate and support the needs of immigrants, refugees, and climate migrants



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IN 2050, PITTSBURGH ADDS DIVERSE HOUSING CHOICES WITHOUT LOSING NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY

From the hilltops to the riverfronts, we create more places to live in every community while respecting unique neighborhood character and preventing displacement.

2 ADDS DIVERSE HOUSING CHOICES WITHOUT LOSING NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY

We embrace higher density across the city in line with our natural landscape without losing our unique character. We become more resilient to climate events and **prove that Pittsburgh can grow and change** without sacrificing quality of life or our identity.

People choose from our 90 neighborhoods, drawn by **different types of old and new housing they can afford**, confident they can stay over time as their needs change.

Race or income no longer predetermine where we live and neighborhoods buzz with diverse populations that are reflected in the local businesses and welcoming public spaces.

We attract development and thoughtfully transform long-overlooked areas for the people who live there and **care for vacant buildings and land until they are given new life.**



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- Create more types of housing to accommodate different resident choices
- Prevent displacement of long-time residents, protect and expand affordability
- Promote the reuse of vacant land and buildings for housing and community benefit
- Encourage mixed-use development
- Streamline development and permitting processes



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**BUILDS THE NEXT
GREAT INDUSTRIES,
AS ICONIC AS STEEL,
AS GREEN AS OUR
HILLSIDES**

We invest in clean energy, tech, healthcare,
and the arts; sectors that create steady,
good-paying jobs rooted in Pittsburgh's
tradition of hard work and reinvention.



3 BUILDS THE NEXT GREAT INDUSTRIES, AS ICONIC AS STEEL, AS GREEN AS OUR HILLSIDES

We **leverage and expand the strengths of our existing workforce** to create meaningful job pathways for residents.

As the region's economic anchor, we continue to **grow our healthcare and education sectors** while **leading innovation in tech, manufacturing, and the green economy**, opening up many different quality career opportunities that allow Pittsburghers to succeed and advance.

Downtown and our cultural districts remain regional anchors, while neighborhood business corridors and better transit connect people to opportunities close to home and across Western Pennsylvania.

By **investing in local talent and home-grown businesses**, Pittsburgh is a leader in climate-forward innovation that ensures growth benefits everyone.



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- Grow a diverse economy by attracting and retaining both legacy and emerging sectors
- Make it easier to acquire land and promote mixed use development
- Improve public infrastructures that support business growth, strengthen job centers, and the mobility of workers and goods
- Incentivize working, growing, and starting a business in the city and support diverse entrepreneurs and small businesses
- Expand access to living-wage jobs through workforce training
- Invest in the digital infrastructure needed to future-proof its economy and workers



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PROGRESS THROUGH PLANNING

IN 2050, PITTSBURGH MAKES IT EASY TO GET AROUND

We connect people to work, school, and everywhere else they need to go through safe and reliable transit, connected bike systems, and streets, steps, and sidewalks in good condition.



4 MAKES IT EASY TO GET AROUND

We build on our legacy as a city of bridges, inclines, and tunnels to create a **next-century transportation system tailored to our hills, rivers, and neighborhoods.**

We choose a future where **cars don't have to be the most convenient way to get around**, and options for public transit, walking, or rolling are safe, easy, affordable, sustainable, and reliable from first mile to last.

People enjoy exploring and navigating the city using our tree-lined streets, unique city steps, robust bike network, beautifully maintained

greenway and park system, water transport, and multimodal connections. Our **mobility infrastructure corrects for past racial and social disparities and fits tomorrow's needs** instead of trying to maintain legacy road systems which are costly and inefficient.

The system connects us to regional hubs, and development helps support and sustain safe, high-quality transit for the future.



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THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MUST INCLUDE POLICIES & FUTURE LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT...

- Direct the development of a comprehensive transportation system that meets the needs of users from first mile to last
- Make reliable transit the backbone of our densest areas where vehicle congestion may be limiting new growth
- Build and maintain safe, multimodal networks for walking, biking, non-motorized mobility, water transport, and city steps
- Promote transit-oriented development in areas with strong multimodal networks
- Future-proof infrastructure with sustainable funding



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IN 2050, PITTSBURGH KEEPS RIVERS CLEAN, AIR BREATHABLE, & HILLSIDES SAFE

We adapt to climate change by restoring natural systems, expanding green spaces, and planting more trees to reduce flooding and heat, protecting neighborhoods most at risk first.



5 KEEPS RIVERS CLEAN, AIR BREATHABLE, & HILLSIDES SAFE

We lean into our incredible natural surroundings, becoming a **post-industrial model for creative and effective climate adaptation** and a safe haven for climate migrants.

Restored hills, valleys, rivers, and trees act as natural defenses against flooding, landslides, and more extreme weather, and give us cleaner air and water.

Our **hilly, water-rich landscape dictates where and how we develop**; we avoid high-risk areas, tear down where we need to, and support neighbors as they move to safer ground.

We are more aware of and **connected to our environment**, using our rivers and greenways through every season and adapting public spaces and parks to help manage stormwater and climate challenges.

Bold blue-green infrastructure and clean energy solutions help lower household costs and bring environmental benefits to every neighborhood, especially those historically burdened by pollution.



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- Replenish and expand tree canopy, uncover buried streams, and conserve natural areas
- Establish “no-build” zones, and explore relocation from high hazard areas
- Advance environmental justice in neighborhoods that are still recovering from industrial harm
- Transition to clean energy and climate-resilient infrastructure, including low-carbon forms of transportation
- Clean our rivers and drinking water



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INDUSTRIAL PLAN

IN 2050, PITTSBURGH CLOSES QUALITY OF LIFE GAPS SO ALL PITTSBURGHERS THRIVE, NOT JUST SURVIVE

We tackle the gaps in education, chronic illness, safe housing, mental health, and healthcare access so every household and neighborhood can live well.



6 CLOSES QUALITY OF LIFE GAPS SO ALL PITTSBURGHERS THRIVE, NOT JUST SURVIVE

We build a city where your **zip code doesn't determine your health or opportunities.**

Residents enjoy some of the best health outcomes in the country, supported by world-class healthcare institutions, clean natural systems, and a resilient built environment.

The city offers **healthy, affordable, and diverse food options.** Public agencies work together to provide easily accessible shelters, support programming, and emergency services for our unhoused and in need residents.

Safe and accessible streets, parks, public spaces, and transit are the lifeblood of the city, connecting people who look out for one another.

Community-led solutions, prevention programs, and revitalized vacant spaces help to reduce crime, making the city safer, more vibrant, and a place where everyone feels that they belong.



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THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MUST INCLUDE POLICIES & FUTURE LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT...

- Expand access to healthcare, food, shelters, and emergency services
- Design safe, welcoming public spaces, parks, and streets
- Make communities safer through the design of the built environment, violence prevention strategies, and community-led solutions
- Ensure transportation and pedestrian safety
- Reuse vacant properties to strengthen neighborhood



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LIFTS UP EVERY CULTURE AS PITTSBURGH'S PRIDE & IDENTITY

From murals to maker-spaces, class rooms to community centers, Pittsburgh supports learners, artists, and creators as they shape the future of our city.

7 LIFTS UP EVERY CULTURE AS PITTSBURGH'S PRIDE & IDENTITY

We build on our existing educational and cultural assets to become a city of **lifelong learners, artists, makers, and culture enthusiasts.**

Families are eager to live here for high-quality public educational opportunities for their children, and young people choose to stay because they see themselves in the city's future.

Artists and creators are valued as essential contributors, with the support, resources, and recognition they need to grow and innovate.

Across the city, residents of all ages find places to learn, play, and create, with cultural offerings that **celebrate Pittsburgh's diversity and elevate lesser-known stories.**

We carry forward unique traditions—from Picklesburgh to parking chairs—while future generations expand what 'culture' means, weaving that into our built environment, parks, and public art.



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- Ensure access to high-quality education for all ages
- Expand and improve the public park and recreation system
- Elevate the quality of the public realm as space for public art and cultural expression
- Expand historic and cultural preservation



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IN 2050, PITTSBURGH COORDINATES ACROSS SECTORS, SYSTEMS, & GEOGRAPHIES

As the region's center, we lead with vision while working hand-in-hand with Allegheny County and other partners to strengthen the region's economic standing, transportation systems, and climate resiliency.

8 COORDINATES ACROSS SECTORS, SYSTEMS, & GEOGRAPHIES

We change and grow as a connected region, working towards a **shared vision at the neighborhood, council district, city, and county levels**. Decisions about housing, transit, climate, and economic growth are made holistically, moving the city in a clear and intentional direction.

Pittsburgh's public sector agencies work effectively together and actively coordinate the city's robust network of institutions, philanthropies, and nonprofits, reducing inefficiencies and leveraging each other's

strengths to deliver meaningful benefits to residents.

New forms of government and cross-sectoral partnerships align investments and policies for maximum impact, turning big visions into reality.

Neighborhoods are better connected, services are more accessible, and opportunities are equitably distributed across the region.



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PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MUST INCLUDE POLICIES & FUTURE LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT...

- Coordinate planning across housing, transit, climate adaptation, and job centers
- Align city, county, and regional efforts
- Foster cross-sector partnerships with nonprofits and institutions



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IN 2050, PITTSBURGH GOVERNS WITH TRUST, ACCOUNTABILITY, & VISION

Government decisions are made with transparency and collaboration, rooted in a shared vision so every Pittsburgher can see their voice reflected in the future we build.



9 GOVERNS WITH TRUST, ACCOUNTABILITY, & VISION

Our government is **visionary and accountable**, using the Comprehensive Plan as a north star to direct funding and resources to support each neighborhood with racial and economic equity at the heart of decision-making.

It repairs the harms of past policies and ensures impacted communities lead the way in shaping the future. Residents are not just observers but **active co-creators of policies, plans, and projects** that affect their daily lives.

Intergovernmental agencies collaborate and coordinate effectively. Modernized civic processes **balance development and approval efficiency with meaningful community input**, while measurable progress and high-quality services build trust—making Pittsburgh a model of democracy in action.



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- Ensure public investments are aligned with neighborhood needs
- Empower residents to participate meaningfully in decisions affecting the city and their communities
- Create more efficient and streamlined processes while balancing meaningful community input
- Encourage more efficient and effective inter-agency collaboration
- Hold government accountable through measurable progress



IN 2050, PITTSBURGH POWERS A BOLD FUTURE

We make responsible financial choices and invest wisely in infrastructure and development so Pittsburgh stays strong and continues to grow.



10 POWERS A BOLD FUTURE

Our city runs on a **strong, reliable budget** with diverse revenue sources that free us from the uncertainty of shrinking or volatile funding.

Right-sized roads, water, energy, and technology infrastructure meet today's needs and anticipate tomorrow's growth.

A **stable and growing population strengthens our tax base**, giving Pittsburgh the advantage to **dream big** while expanding opportunities for neighborhoods, services, and workforce development without financial strain.



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- Diversify and stabilize city revenues
- Align infrastructure to population and demand
- Grow households and jobs to broaden the tax base
- Invest strategically to reduce long-term financial strain



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